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14 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
15 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
18 Plaintiff,
19 v.
20 CARLOS JESUS JORDAN LOPEZ,
21 Defendant.

22 CASE NO. 1:23-MJ-00111-EPG

23 STIPULATION REGARDING EXCLUDABLE
24 TIME PERIODS UNDER SPEEDY TRIAL ACT;
25 FINDINGS AND ORDER

26 DATE: March 15, 2024
27 TIME: 2:00 p.m.
28 COURT: Hon. Stanley Boone

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30 This case is set for a preliminary hearing on March 15, 2024. The parties agree and stipulate to
31 continue the preliminary hearing until April 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. before the duty magistrate. Defense
32 counsel has continued to be engaged in discussions and further investigation and needs additional time
33 to conclude that process. Attorney Mario Tafur has taken over the direct representation of defendant
34 Lopez and has only recently been able to in person confer with his client. Mr. Tafur needs additional
35 time to confer with Mr. Lopez and the Government. Additionally, the parties are engaged in discussions
36 and investigation of issues related to a possible pre-indictment resolution as well as consultation with or
37 seeking consultation with experts. There are complex factual and legal issues the parties are exploring
38 and believe that additional time to conclude that process will be productive in moving the case forward.
39 The parties believe this short continuance will be the last such continuance necessary.

40 If the case is continued, this Court should designate a new date for the preliminary hearing.
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42 *United States v. Lewis*, 611 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2010) (noting any pretrial continuance must be

1 “specifically limited in time”).

2 **STIPULATION**

3 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and defendant, by and
4 through defendant's counsel of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

- 5 1. By previous order, this matter was set for preliminary hearing on March 15, 2024.
- 6 2. By this stipulation, defendant now moves to continue the preliminary hearing until **April
7 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** and to exclude time between March 15, 2024, and April 5, 2024.
- 8 3. The parties agree and stipulate, and request that the Court find the following:
 - 9 a) The parties are discussing and conducting further investigation into pre-
10 indictment matters and need additional time to conclude.
 - 11 b) Counsel for defendant desires additional time to consult with his client, conduct
12 further investigation, and further discuss charges with the government.
 - 13 c) Counsel for the defendant and the Government are engaged in resolution
14 discussions and believe that additional time is necessary to conclude those discussions.
 - 15 d) Counsel for defendant believes that failure to grant the above-requested
16 continuance would deny her the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into
17 account the exercise of due diligence.
 - 18 e) The government does not object to the continuance.
 - 19 f) Pursuant to F.R.Cr.P. 5.1(c) and (d), a preliminary hearing must be held “no later
20 than 14 days after initial appearance if the defendant is in custody,” unless the defendant
21 consents and there is a “showing of good cause”. Here, the defendant consents and there is good
22 cause as set forth herein.
 - 23 g) Based on the above-stated findings, the ends of justice served by continuing the
24 case as requested outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in an indictment or trial
25 within the original dates prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act.
 - 26 h) For the purpose of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161,
27 et seq., within which an indictment must be filed and within which a trial must commence, the
28 time period of March 15, 2024 to April 5, 2024, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18

1 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) because it results from a continuance granted by the Court at
2 defendant's request on the basis of the Court's finding that the ends of justice served by taking
3 such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy
4 indictment/trial.

5 4. Nothing in this stipulation and order shall preclude a finding that other provisions of the
6 Speedy Trial Act dictate that additional time periods are excludable from the period within which an
7 indictment must be filed and a trial must commence.

8 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

9 Dated: March 11, 2024

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11 /s/ DENNIS L LEWIS
12 DENNIS L LEWIS
Assistant United States Attorney

13 Dated: March 11, 2024

14 /s/ MARIO TAFUR
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16 CARLOS JESUS JORDAN
LOPEZ

FINDINGS AND ORDER

The preliminary hearing in the above-entitled case is hereby continued from the previously set date of March 15, 2024, to April 5, 2024, at 2:00pm. The time period of March 15, 2024 to April 5, 2024, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv). All other orders remain in full force and effect.

IT IS SO FOUND.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 11, 2024

George A. Bae
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE